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SUBJ: PROSPECTS FOR ANDEAN PACT AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM

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1. OFFICIALS OF BOLIVIA'S MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND OF THE SECRETARIAT FOR INTEGRATION ARE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT CURRENT ANDEAN PACT NEGOTIATIONS WILL RESULT IN A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT COVERING AUTOMOTRIZ PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS. THEY INSIT, HOWEVER, THAT BOLIVIA WILL NOT RELINQUISH ITS EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO PRODUCE B-2 VEHICLES. IF THE AUTOMOTIRZ PROGRAM COLLAPSES, OR SHOULD BOLIVIA BE DENIED WHAT IT CONSIDERS ITS RIGHTFUL SHARE OF THE PROGRAM, OFFICIALS HERE CLAIM THAT THE COUNTRY IS PREPARED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ANDEAN PACT.

2. CONTRARY TO RECENT REPORTS IN THE LA PAZ PRESS, BOLIVIA APPARENTLY IS NOT PREPARED TO SHARE PRODUCTION OF VEHICLES IN
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THE B-2 CLASS. PRESS COVERAGE OF AN AIRPORT INTERVIEW IN LIMA AUGUST 4, WITH GUILLERMO VARGAS, BOLIVIA'S SECRETARY GENERAL FOR INTEGRATION, HAD SUGGESTED THAT BOLIVIA WOULD CONSIDER SHARING PRODUCTION OF B-2 TRUCKS WITH PERU, PERHAPS IN EXCHANGE FORRIGHTS TO PRODUCE TRANSMISSIONS. MINISTER OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION, JUAN LECHIN HAS PUBLICLY REPUDIATED THIS ACCOUNT, AND A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF

THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR
INTEGRATION HAS TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT BOLIVIA WILL NOT TRADE
AWAY ITS RIGHTS TO PRODUCE B-2 VEHICLES. HE INDICATED THAT
COMPROMISE WAS POSSIBLE ON THE ISSUE OF B-1 VEHICLE PRODUCTION.

3. BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS VIEW PERUVIAN INTRANSIGENCE IN THE
MATTER OF AUTOMOTRIZ ASSIGNMENTS AS ONLY THE LATEST
MANIFESTATION OF PERU'S UNWILLINGNESS TO OPEN ITS
MARKETS TO BOLIVIAN EXPORTS. ALTHOUGH SOME BOLIVIAN SUSPECT
THAY CHRYSLER MAY BE PRESSING PERU, MOST SEEM TO BELIEVE
THAT THE PERUVIANS REQUIRED LITTLE URGING TO SELECT THE COURSE
THEY HAVE CHOSEN.
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